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Migration in the Post-2015 UN Development Agenda
OVERVIEW

I Global Migration Trends

II Migration Promotes Development

III SDGs to Unlock Migration’s Development Potential
I. GLOBAL MIGRATION TRENDS
1 in 7 ARE MIGRANTS
232 million international migrants
+ 740 million internal migrants
1 billion migrants
Drivers of Large-Scale Migration

DEMOGRAPHY North – ageing, South – youthful

DEMAND labour shortage vs. labour surplus

DISPARITY increasing – economic, social

DISTANCE shrinking – budget transportation

DIGITAL REVOLUTION instant information

DISASTERS natural & human-made, rapid & slow onset

DESPERATION migration

DREAMS life with dignity & prosperity
Growth International Migrants

Source: UN DESA (2013) and IOM WMR
HUMAN MOBILITY
forced & voluntary

DISASTERS
political, natural & climactic change

ANTI-MIGRANT SENTIMENT
fear-driven policies
POLITICALLY SENSITIVE ISSUES TO MANAGE:

GLOBAL FINANCIAL CRISIS

POST-9/11 SECURITY CONCERNS

PERCEIVED THREATS TO IDENTITY
The world’s population is 52% URBAN. By 2050, it will be 67%. Source: UNDESA (2011)
48% OF MIGRANTS ARE WOMEN

Source: UNDESA Migration Report (2013)
40% SOUTH-NORTH
33% SOUTH-SOUTH
22% NORTH-NORTH
5% NORTH-SOUTH

Source: IOM World Migration Report 2013
MEGA TREND → MEGA IMPACT

Social
USD 681 bn. remittances by 2016

Economic
Migration offsets ageing in societies

Environmental
More vulnerable to natural disasters
II. MIGRATION PROMOTES DEVELOPMENT
MIGRATION’S MULTIPLE IMPACTS

HOUSEHOLD
- Increases incomes
-Boosts health & well-being
-Promotes school enrolment

NATIONAL
-Boosts national credit ratings
-Makes labour markets more efficient

REGIONAL/GLOBAL
-Addresses global talent & labour shortages
-Highlights need for increased collaboration among countries
MIGRATION IS TRANSFORMATIVE

ECONOMIC
- Alleviates poverty
- Increases trade
- Stimulates innovation

SOCIAL
- Raises rights issues
- Empowers women

ENVIRONMENTAL
- Increases resilience through
  - Remittances
  - Planned mobility
RISKS TO MIGRANTS = RISKS TO DEVELOPMENT

FORCED DISPLACEMENT
- 143 million displaced 2008-2012 by natural disasters

VULNERABILITY
- Few legal migration options
- Increases “desperation migration”
- Strengthens smugglers & traffickers

EXPLOITATION
- Shady recruiters take abusive fees
- Employers take passports as “security”
1. Integrate migration into **development planning & coordination**
2. Strengthen inter-governmental **dialogue and collaboration**
3. Improve **public perceptions** of migrants’ contributions
4. Protect the **human rights of all migrants**
5. Lower **costs of remittances**
6. **Engage diaspora**: promote “social remittances” and investment
7. Assist **migrants in crises**
8. Enhance data for **evidence-based policy-making**
III. SDGs to UNLOCK MIGRATION’S DEVELOPMENT POTENTIAL
TARGETS THAT TRANSFORM

“By defining our goal more clearly, by making it seem more manageable and less remote, we can help all people to see it, to draw hope from it and to move irresistibly towards it.”

John F. Kennedy, June 1963 on setting goals for Nuclear disarmament
KEY CRITERIA FOR P-2015 TARGETS

1. Universal: applicable to all countries
2. Support migrants’ well-being
3. Integrate all 3 dimensions of Sustainable Development
4. Measurable world-wide with disaggregated data
5. Broad public resonance & legitimacy

Adapted from:
Proposed Criteria for the Assessment of the Transformative Nature of Targets of the SDG Framework (UNTT, April 2014)
MIGRATION ELEMENTS for P-2015

1. Global partnerships: key to integrating migration
2. Protect migrant workers’ rights
3. Lower human and financial costs of migration
4. Increase diaspora investment and engagement

Adapted from: OWG 11 “Focus area” working document
CONCLUSION: LARGE SCALE MIGRATION IS

1. Inevitable — demographics
2. Necessary — development and growth
3. Desirable — if well-governed:
   a. Reduce forced and irregular migration
   b. Facilitate regular migration
   c. Protect the rights of all migrants
MIGRATION for Post-2015